

**Testimony before the Kansas Senate Committee on  
Transportation**

**On SB 96**

**Chairman Mike Petersen**

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Mr Chairman and members of the committee:

I am privileged and honored to address this committee today regarding SB96. SB96 is the indirect result of the new MOVRS program, implemented May of 2012.

Since the implemented, it is evident that the State is shifting more and more of the responsibilities down to the county level. The Motor Vehicle office is now responsible for approving titles which had previously been accomplished at the State level. In order to keep up with the demands as well as correcting issues of processing all registrations, I need to devote an employee to work on titles thus taking away from my counter clerks who wait on the walk in customers.

In my county, the functions of the Motor Vehicle Dept are not co-mingled with my tax operation. This allows me to have a more accurate accounting of the funds I receive to operate the motor vehicle office. Operational costs as well as maintaining seasoned employees are going up and my commissioners will not subsidize the motor vehicle office.

By passing SB 96, this would give each county the ability to keep their funds in the black. Not every county is experiencing this issue but this bill would provide the means to continue to do business in the future and for those who are finding it more problematic.

Kansas County Treasurer's Association supports this bill.

I would be glad to answer any questions the committee has for me regarding SB 96.